



# Gleneagle Secondary NEWS

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## Message from the Principal

The staff at Gleneagle are committed to the development and celebration of both individual and collective excellence in our students. Whether it is in the classroom or beyond the classroom, student engagement plays a significant role in our pursuit of excellence. Students bring an energy and a focus to our purpose and they create celebrations that reflect what we value and what we strive to accomplish. We would like to highlight some of the more recent examples of student excellence and leadership from within our school that have happened, are happening, or are going to happen in the near future:

- Spring athletics including: tennis, track and field, rugby, soccer, badminton, and netball.
- Our leadership students hosted a school-wide spirit assembly on Thursday, April 7 with a focus on celebrating Gleneagle culture, as well as, raising money and awareness to support new Syrian refugees in the Tri-City area.
- The Gleneagle Drama department has received rave reviews for their efforts to successfully host the first-ever SD 43 Improv Invitational on Friday, April 8 which included a total of 6 secondary school teams as participants.
- We ran an assembly schedule on Tuesday, April 12 (the 36<sup>th</sup> start date anniversary for the Marathon of Hope); the entire student body was given the opportunity to participate in the annual Terry Fox school run.
- Congratulations to over 300 of our Grade 12 students who successfully completed their GTP exit interviews on Wednesday, April 13.
- COAST program is sponsoring their annual VIMFF (Vancouver International Mountain Film Festival) movie night in our MPR on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:30pm.
- Leadership 12 is organizing the annual Gleneagle TALK 2 ME presentation for Friday, May 6, 5:30pm. This year's speakers will focus their discussions on resilience, mental illness, and mood disorders.

Given the recent weather, we are well into spring, and students at Gleneagle are less than ten weeks away from their final exams, and then another summer. This time frame will not only include their final lessons of the year, but final concerts, performances, athletics, and a variety of celebrations including our Athletic Banquet, Year-end Awards, Graduation Dinner/Dance, AfterGrad and Commencement. While we wrap up this year and prepare to say goodbye to our 2016 graduating class, we are busy planning next year--creating our timetable, organizing staffing and preparing to welcome 240 new grade 9 students to our school community.

As we move through the next two months, we will continue to pursue our vision to assist every student to reach their potential and perform to the best of their abilities in every subject. Our grade 12 students have their greatest challenge ahead of them--to maintain their focus while graduation activities, warmer weather, and their excitement of the next phase of their lives begins to pull them away from Gleneagle. No matter what grade your children are in, your continued support and encouragement are very important in these final few weeks of the school year. Please remember our classroom teachers and student service team are available to work with you as you support your children and their learning.

Please be aware that the final PAC meeting for this year is on Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00pm in the school library. Everyone is welcome to join us. We have lively discussions and the parents make significant decisions that impact the support and direction for the school. The staff and students would like to thank the PAC Executive for their continued support for our school.

We look forward to seeing you in the next couple of months at one of our many events.

Ken Cober

**Graduation Transitions Exit Interviews** took place on Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> for all grade 12's. Reminder: Grad Transitions is worth 4 credits and is a requirement to graduate. Students should check the Counseling area windows to ensure their GT assignments and Exit Interview are complete. Contact Ms. Horvath if you have any questions ([jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca))

All grade 9 – 11 students: Daily Physical Activity entries will be assessed for the next report card. If you have not previously completed the DPA entries, please do so ASAP. Instructions can be found on [www.gleneagle.org](http://www.gleneagle.org) under “announcements”. Contact Ms. Horvath if you have any questions ([jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca](mailto:jhorvath@sd43.bc.ca))

**Now is the time to clear up all outstanding assessments for library books, textbooks, athletic fees, etc.  
Avoid delay during grad ticket sales, yearbook distribution and year end sign out.**

## **Art Department**

The Royal Canadian Legion has extended their congratulations to grade 12 art student, Olivia Zeng for winning the ‘Senior Colour Poster Category’ of the National Poster Contest this year. She has been invited to participate in the National Remembrance Day Ceremony in Ottawa in November.

At the ceremony, Olivia will be presented with a cheque and an individual plaque. Gleneagle Secondary School will also be presented with a plaque to recognize her achievement.

Olivia was also the winner of the ‘People’s Choice Award’ for her painting “Summer Dance” at the Evergreen Gallery last semester. Olivia will be continuing her art studies at Emily Carr University of Art & Design this September.

## **Con-X Leadership**

On the evening of April 5th, 19 Gleneagle students slept out in front of the school in support of Covenant House and homeless youth. In total, \$5500 was raised by the group and the evening was spent bringing greater awareness to the plight of youth homelessness.

The event, hosted by the Con-X leadership class, allowed students to gain insight into the struggles of living on the streets and how impactful Covenant House truly is. Stereotypes were broken, perceptions were changed and students were able to experience the realities that plague those living on the streets. The students were joined by Mayor Richard Stewart and School Trustees.





Always lots of new fiction available in the library. Why buy when you can borrow? If we don't have what you want to read, let the library staff know.

## Theatre News

**Gleneagle Performing Arts** presents class plays on Wednesday, April 27 at 7 pm.

Tickets are \$5 at the door, \$2 for students.

1. **Charming!** A rollicking fairy tale presented by the Drama 9 class.
2. **God** by Woody Allen. A spoof of ancient Greek theatre, presented by the Acting 11 class.
3. **As You Like It** by William Shakespeare - a beloved, adventurous romantic comedy, presented by the Acting 12 class.

**Gleneagle Performing Arts** presents **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**, in the theatre May 11, 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20. Tickets will go on sale April 20!

## Spirit Assembly

The second annual Spirit Assembly was very successful, and there was an overwhelming amount of participation when it came to spirit wear! This year, Leadership students took on this project as a means of raising funds for Syrian refugees coming into the Tri-Cities area. While students learned to embrace the ever-changing school culture, students learned about the importance of taking action and ways to contribute to society in a positive manner. A total of \$822 was raised to purchase 'Welcome to Canada' kits that will be distributed to the students that are new to our community. It's safe to say that the students now feel refreshed and inspired to contribute to the school, as well as to the causes that sometimes seem well beyond them.



**Have you moved?** Changed your phone number or emergency contacts? International student changing homestay? Please make sure you let the office know! Fill out a Demographics Change Form at Reception. It is particularly important at this time of year that we know of any forwarding addresses for Graduation Documents for this year's Grade 12 graduation class.

## Important Dates to Remember

April 15, 2016	District Non-Instructional Day – School not in Session
April 27, 2016	Third formal report card home
April 29, 2016	School based Pro D Day – School not in Session
May 4, 2016	District Wide Emergency Release Drill - afternoon
May 11, 2016	Musical Theatre – Beauty and the Beast Production Starts
May 13, 2016	Curriculum In-Service Day – School not in Session
May 23, 2016	Victoria Day – School Closed

The Gleneagle girls' basketball program would like to thank the PAC for their financial support with the unexpected costs associated with their participation in the Victoria Christmas Basketball Tournament. During the weekend of December 12, the weather conditions caused BC Ferries to cancel their Saturday evening ferry schedule, which required our students and staff to stay over an extra night at the Victoria Airport Travelodge. The PAC were able to provide financial assistance using the monies they designated in the fall budget process for hardship circumstances. Thank you, Gleneagle PAC!

## DPAC

The following executive positions are open (all positions being elected are for a 1 year term – except President which is for a 2 year term):

**President**

**Vice President**

**Secretary**

**Treasurer**

**Newsletter Editor**

**Parent Education Coordinator**

**Health & Safety Coordinator**

**PAC Communications Liaison**

**Member at Large (4 positions)**

Are you interested in any of these positions, or do you know someone that you feel would do a good job? If yes - please send in your nominations.

All positions are important but the executive cannot function without a Treasurer - please help us make sure this position has someone to take it on. **Elections will take place at the DPAC Annual General Meeting being held on Wed. May 25 starting at 7:00pm in the Gallery Room at Winslow Centre.**

Please email [office@dpac43.org](mailto:office@dpac43.org) or call the DPAC office. (604) 939-3690 for more information.

## Coquitlam Summer Learning



**2016 ONLINE Registration opens 6AM on . . .**

Friday <b>April 29</b>	Grades 9 and 10 Skill Building
Tuesday <b>May 3</b>	Grade 10 High School Credit
Wednesday <b>May 4</b>	Grade 11 High School Credit:
Friday <b>May 6</b>	Grades 9 and 10 Remedial & EAL
Wednesday <b>May 11</b>	Grade 12 High School Credit

Grade 9 & 10 Skill Building: **Dates:** Tuesday July 12 to Friday July 29  
**Times:** 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM **OR** 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM daily

High School Credit: **Dates:** Tuesday July 4 to Monday August 8  
**Times:** 7:50 AM to 11:30 AM **OR** 12:00 PM to 3:40 PM daily

Online Fast Track: **Dates:** Tuesday July 4 to Monday August 8  
Blended learning: two weekly face-to-face sessions and three optional days of online and/or face-to-face tutorial support.

**Locations:**  
Charles Best Secondary (Remedial, Skill Building, High School Credit)  
Gleneagle Secondary (High School Credit & Online Fast Track)

- ▲ Students must have an account with our online system **BEFORE** registering for courses.
- ▲ Please visit our website and create/update your account now.
- ▲ To create an account you will need your child's PEN number, which is available at your home school.

*See website for full details!*

[www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca](http://www.summerlearningcoquitlam.ca)



**\*Please note High School Credit and Online Fast Track courses start on Tuesday, July 5 not July 4\***

## International Education Summer Classes

The **Pinetree Secondary Campus Summer Program** is only available to International students. Courses start Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> and end Friday August 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please see your **Counsellor** for application forms and information.